

though this species may have been here previously I never noted it till this year. It was common in places and, roughly speaking, I must have seen four hundred. I counted forty along the creek one evening. I think this bird breeds in California, for I believe some young were taken in El Dorado or Placer County in the high Sierras.

H. W. CARRIGER, *Sonoma, Calif.*

On June 8, 1895, I flushed a Mourning Dove from a nest seven feet from the ground on a grape vine which was growing over a small dead willow. It was composed of dry sticks, weed stalks, grass and a cotton-wood leaf, and contained three eggs. Two of these were heavily incubated while the other was perfectly fresh. The above notes were taken on Bear Creek about ten miles from Denver, Col.

A. S. PEARSE, *Lincoln, Neb.*

THE SWALLOWS.

Work is progressing rapidly on the Swallow report. The season has closed in the north, but further south the swallows still remain. Work up your notes while the matter is fresh in your minds. I wish all matter in before November 1, that I may have time to arrange it. As a last appeal I ask you as a friend and fellow worker to help me. It is impossible for me to call on you personally; in fact life is too short to visit all the ornithologists even had I the means. Please sit right down, and tell me all you know about the Swallows. Don't use postals.

Ask all your friends to tell you something of the Swallows. What species have they observed? etc. I append a list of questions to aid you. What species have you ever observed? State places of observation if other than your present residence. What species breed? About what number, and the location of nest? When arrive and depart? How long incubating and rearing young? Number, color and size of eggs? When, where and how fed, and of what does food consist? By this I mean do they feed at all hours and all seasons in the same manner or differently. What can you tell me in regard to the nesting boxes for White-bellied Swallow and Purple Martin? How should they be constructed? You should copy from others giving credit to the author each time. I cannot consult all the old magazines, so I ask you to give definite reference to any thing you think will interest me. If you cannot answer more than one question do that at once.

My correspondence has increased so rapidly that it will be impossible for me to reply to all as speedily as I should like ; but remember that I shall acknowledge all in the report.

STEPHEN J. ADAMS, *Cornish, Me.*

EDITORIAL.

The news of Major Chas. E. Bendire's death, whose work was thus so prematurely closed, brought with it not only a keen sense of the loss of the true scientist, but as well the almost certainty that his "Life Histories" would never be completed. We are gratified to see that the scientific organizations of the country are bending every effort to insure the continuance of this great work by some competent man. Toward this end we would beg to submit the following resolutions :

"Whereas, the death of Major Charles E. Bendire leaves his great work, the "Life Histories of North American Birds," scarcely more than begun, and

"Whereas, the ornithologists of the United States anticipate that the work will never be completed unless concerted interest be shown by scientists and scientific organizations, be it

"*Resolved*, that the Wilson Ornithological Chapter of the Agassiz Association hereby expresses its keen interest in the completion of this work by some competent oologist, and earnestly urges that those in authority in the Smithsonian Institute do all in their power to further the completion of this great work, and be it further

"*Resolved*, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the officers of the U. S. National Museum."

We regret the discontinuance of our esteemed contemporary, *The Nidologist*. Mr. Taylor's earnest efforts deserved more lasting success and his excellent magazine will be universally missed by bird students. Unexpired subscriptions will be filled by *The Popular Science News*.

The present number is behind time from a lack of copy, and for no other reason. This is the first time such a thing has happened, and we trust it will be the determination of every member of the Chapter that it will be the last time. In many parts of the country conditions have been favorable for some strange freaks among the birds, some of which must have come within the range of your eyes. You will confer a favor upon all ornithologists by submitting such things for publication.